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Katzenbach Aide Says CIA Not Discussed

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WASHINGTON — An aide to Acting Attorney General Nicholas deB. Katzenbach said yesterday his boss has never discussed taking over the job of director of the Central Intelligence Agency with President Johnson.

A published story in a New York paper Friday quoted "informed sources" suggesting that Katzenbach of Princeton, N.J. had been placed at the head of a list of possible replacements submitted to Johnson by CIA head John A. McCone.

But Katzenbach's aide said it would come as a "great surprise" to him if Johnson were to pick Katzenbach for the post.

Friday's newspaper article

admitted that McCone has suggested a number of candidates for the post of CIA director. No CIA spokesman was available for comment yesterday on the possible validity of Katzenbach's rumored place on the list.